

above target, is also making efforts to provide one telephone connection per three households and one connection per two households in rural areas by 2007 and 2010 respectively.

Conversion of Telephone Exchanges into Electronic Exchanges

*133. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of telephone exchanges proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the details of financial allocation made by Government during the current year in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) All the exchanges working in the Telecom Network of the country are already converted to electronic exchanges.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Facilities for BPL people in cities

†*134. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of people living below poverty line in small, big and metropolitan cities of the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to improve the living standard of these poor people as well as to provide jobs and the facility of housing to them; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) As per the 55th Round of NSS conducted in 1999-2000, the number and percentage of people living below the poverty line in urban areas during the year 1999-2000 was 670.07 lakhs and 23.62% respectively. Data on the number of people living below poverty line in small and big cities and metropolitan cities of the country are not available. However, State-wise the number and percentage of people living below poverty line during the year 1999-2000 in the urban areas is given in Statement-I (See below).

In the urban areas, in order to ameliorate the living conditions of the urban poor an employment oriented urban poverty alleviation programme named Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is being implemented on all India basis since 1.12.1997. Under SJSRY urban poor are assisted to set up individual/group micro-enterprises for self-employment and also provided wage employment by utilizing their labour in the construction of socially and economically useful public assets. Since the inception of the Scheme, and as reported upto 24.11.2006, cumulatively, the Central assistance released to States/UTs, State-wise and the number of urban poor assisted in self-employment/wage employment is given in Statement-II (See below).

The scheme of VAMBAY which addressed the Housing needs of the Urban poor living in Slums has since been subsumed in the newly launched sub Mission of Basic Services for Urban Poor (BSUP) of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) for the 63 Mission Cities and in the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP), for cities/towns other than the Mission cities. State-wise cumulative details of Government of India subsidy released to the States/UTs under VAMBAY as well as the dwelling units/toilets covered are given in Statement-III.

Statement-I

Number and percentage of population below Poverty Line by States in Urban Areas— 1999-2000

Sl. No.	States/U.T.'s	URBAN	
		No. of persons (lakhs)	% of persons
1.	Andhra Pradesh	60.88	26.63
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.18	7.47
3.	Assam	2.38	7.47
4.	Bihar	49.13	32.91
5.	Goa	0.59	7.52
6.	Gujarat	28.09	15.59
7.	Haryana	5.39	9.99
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0.29	4.63
9.	J&K	0.49	1.98
10.	Karnataka	44.49	25.25
11.	Kerala	20.07	20.27
12.	Madhya Pradesh	81.22	38.44
13.	Maharashtra	102.87	26.81
14.	Manipur	0.66	7.47
15.	Meghalaya	0.34	7.47
16.	Mizoram	0.45	7.47
17.	Nagaland	0.28	7.47
18.	Orissa	25.40	42.83
19.	Punjab	4.29	5.75
20.	Rajasthan	26.78	19.85
21.	Sikkim	0.04	7.47
22.	Tamil Nadu	49.97	22.11
23.	Tripura	0.49	7.47
24.	Uttar Pradesh	117.88	30.89
25.	West Bengal	33.38	14.86
26.	A&N Islands	0.24	22.11
27.	Chandigarh	0.45	5.75
28.	D&N Haveli	0.03	13.52
29.	Daman & Diu	0.05	7.52
30.	Delhi	11.42	9.42
31.	Lakshadweep	0.08	20.27
32.	Pondicherry	1.77	22.11
ALL INDIA :		670.07	23.62

Statement-II**Cumulative Physical and Financial Progress under SJSRY**

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Total Central Funds released under SJSRY since 1.12.1997 (Rs. in Lakhs)	No. of under poor assisted to set up enterpri- sed (individual)	No. of Urban poor assisted for group enterprises under DWCUA	Total No. of urban poor assisted to set up skill group enterprises	No. of urban poor imparted training	No. of mandays of work under wage (in Lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5	6 = (4 + 5)	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10287.49	90777	54380	145157	51097	89.59
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	220.18	442	75	517	314	12.05
3.	Assam	1862.9	7039	225	7284	8864	8.28
4.	Bihar	2749.44	15429	19245	34674	4880	28.15
5.	Chhattisgarh	1891.4	10088	1142	11230	9474	4.71
6.	Goa	84.08	480	30	510	996	1.41
7.	Gujarat	5103.85	35734	194	35928	50883	22.73
8.	Haryana	2823.2	17192	3832	21024	25635	3.4
9.	Himachal Pradesh	425.46	1649	397	2046	3882	6.11
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	502.38	11384	304	11688	20657	1.67
11.	Jharkhand	788.37	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Karnataka	7696.58	80562	12520	73082	128363	73.46
13.	Kerala	3699.83	18291	18469	34760	40562	2.91
14.	Madhya Pradesh	10442.45	99626	9651	109277	105581	29.46
15.	Maharashtra	10801.93	74803	31538	106341	158825	36.92
16.	Manipur	489.7	0	0	0	2508	5.24
17.	Meghalaya	237.99	1710	1	1711	1345	1.83
18.	Mizoram	2126.44	160	0	160	5369	15.38
19.	Nagaland	632.29	812	2982	3794	2303	2.27
20.	Orissa	2718.38	25189	12237	37426	20127	23.66
21.	Punjab	581.21	8566	220	8786	14061	5.09
22.	Rajasthan	3393.01	47014	1027	48041	22774	23.15
23.	Sikkim	337.27	479	0	479	1487	3.58
24.	Tamil Nadu	7594.9	28976	14353	43329	37974	64.37
25.	Tripura	1401.98	4270	1840	6110	12262	5.37
26.	Uttaranchal	662.9	812	20	832	1414	0.07
27.	Uttar Pradesh	18308.11	130592	9732	140324	122638	68.99
28.	West Bengal	5172.97	18686	1404	20090	77900	36.39
29.	A & N Islands	261.06	47	0	47	0	5.55
30.	Chandigarh	705.5	252	23	275	3154	0
31.	D & N Haveli	287.77	67	0	67	219	0.94
32.	Daman & Diu	161.63	68	0	68	0	0.04
33.	Delhi	275.31	1124	58	1182	2570	0
34.	Pondicherry	950.85	1748	3089	4837	9743	4.09
TOTAL :		105658.57	714068	196888	911056	947819	586.86

Statement-III

State-wise Cumulative Allocation and Releases of Central Funds, Units covered and Physical achievements made under the Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY).
Position as on 30.09.2006

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Govt Subsidy released (Rs. in Lakhs)				
		For construction/upgradation of dwelling units	For construction of toilet seat	Total (3 + 4)	No. of Dwelling Units covered	No. of Toilet Seats covered
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	22867.975	57.880	22925.855	99190	392
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	290.925	0.000	290.925	1293	0
3.	Assam	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0
4.	Bihar	13.600	0.000	13.600	68	0
5.	Chhattisgarh	1788.520	300.200	2088.720	8942	1501
6.	Goa	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0
7.	Gujarat	1948.700	693.200	2641.900	20971	3466
8.	Haryana	652.600	0.000	652.600	3263	0
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	312.630	55.200	367.830	1389	276
11.	Jharkhand	1397.200	18.000	1415.200	6986	90
12.	Karnataka	7424.800	1582.000	9006.800	33282	7910
13.	Kerala	5493.590	0.000	5493.590	27467	0
14.	Madhya Pradesh	1655.750	50.000	1705.750	7026	250
15.	Maharashtra	16984.075	5213.500	22197.575	76365	26081
16.	Manipur	288.220	0.000	288.220	1281	0
17.	Meghalaya	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0
18.	Mizoram	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0
19.	Nagaland	294.975	6.200	301.175	1311	31
20.	Orissa	124.000	0.000	124.000	620	0
21.	Punjab	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0
22.	Rajasthan	1766.385	0.000	1766.385	7767	0
23.	Sikkim	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0
24.	Tamil Nadu	8807.730	4051.600	12859.330	121541	23930
25.	Tripura	423.003	0.000	423.003	1880	0
26.	Uttaranchal	355.350	46.000	401.350	1849	230
27.	Uttar Pradesh	5407.460	31.000	5438.460	24926	155
28.	West Bengal	1922.740	195.800	2118.540	8685	979
29.	A & N Islands	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0
30.	Chandigarh	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0
31.	D & N Haveli	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0
32.	Daman & Diu	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0
33.	Delhi	50.000	0.000	50.000	167	0
34.	Pondicherry	210.300	8.000	218.300	1196	40
TOTAL :		80480.528	12308.580	92789.108	457465	65331